



Stormwater NPDES General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities General Permit No.: CTR050000 Summary of Changes for 2nd Draft Permit

The WPED Stormwater Program prepared and posted to public notice the reissuance package for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities (“Industrial General Permit,” “the permit,” or “the IGP”) on March 11, 2024. A 45-day public comment solicitation period was provided to allow stakeholders adequate time to review and provide feedback on the permit. WPED hosted targeted meetings with specific industrial sectors (the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT), Mining, Sand & Gravel, and Connecticut Marine Trade Association (CMTA)) and hosted information sessions in partnership with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). WPED received over 100 comments from the regulated community, nonprofit organizations, concerned citizens, and the US EPA. As a result of public comments, EPA Region 1 comments, stakeholder meetings, negotiations, and site visits, significant changes have been made to the draft IGP notably including:

- Clarifications to the language in the original draft permit for corrective actions measures as well as compliance assistance documentation in the appendices to support the permit conditions under that section;
- Clarifications regarding stormwater and non-stormwater discharge authorizations and prohibitions in Sector C (Chemical and Allied Products Manufacturing and Refining) and Sector O (Steam Electric Power Generation);
- Modifications to Sector Q (Water Transportation) and Sector R (Ship and Boat Building and Repair Yards) regarding best management practices (BMPs);
- Updates to sector-specific federally required Effluent Limitation Guidelines (“ELGs”); and
- Modifications to the monitoring requirements for Sector AF (Federal, State, or Municipal Fleet Facilities).

In light of the proposed changes, WPED has determined that a second 30-day public comment is necessary to solicit feedback on the proposed changes prior to the issuance of the IGP. A second public notice was published on December 30, 2024, on the DEEP website and in the Hartford Courant, Connecticut Post, New Haven Register, New London Day, Waterbury Republican-American, and The Chronicle.